

**CITY OF WOODSTOCK  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Council Chambers – Woodstock City Hall  
6:30 PM; September 15, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Woodstock Transportation Commission was called to order at 6:32 PM on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 by Chairman Andrew Celentano.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Indyke, J. Osborne, C. Wenzel and Chairman Andrew Celentano.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** none.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Deputy Director Brent Aymond, Utility Billing Coordinator Paola Ramirez and Executive Assistant / Chief Deputy City Clerk Jane Howie.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Environmental Commission member Steve Wenzel.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Motion by J. Osborne , second by C. Wenzel to accept the June 16, 2021 Minutes. Ayes: M. Indyke, J. Osborne, C. Wenzel and Chair A. Celentano. Nays: none. Absentees: none. Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

**FLOOR DISCUSSION:** Anyone wishing to address the Commission on an item not on the Agenda may do so at this time.

1. Public Comments: none.
2. Commission Comments:

In response to Chair Celentano concerns that the City's 2020 Vision is out of date, he was informed that an update is being worked on. Chair Celentano informed the Commissioners that he made a brief overview of Project Lead the Way to the Environmental Commission at their August meeting, which was well received. There was discussion about the program itself pertaining to what projects this year's students will be working on. One of which will be to use plastic as a component of asphalt for paving streets. Another group of students are interested in working on a Park project. Chair Celentano forwarded this information to Mike McCleary, Parks & Rec Commission Chair.

Chair Celentano mentioned that he'd like to find a way to get the program 'AP' Advanced Placement designated so that participating students could get college credits. It was noted that there are specific guidelines in place which allow a course to get designated as Advanced Placement. Currently, Project Lead the Way does not fit the definition. C. Wenzel suggested that Chair Celentano talk to someone at McHenry County to assist with the process. Commissioners suggested calling the program AP Civics or AP Government.

**TRANSMITTALS:** (no discussion or action requested)

1. Minutes from McHenry County Public Transportation Advisory Committee

A brief discussion ensued pertaining to bike helmet stickers; the pros and (mostly) cons of implementing such a program.

## 2. Notes for 2022

Chair Celentano said he's looking for comments from Commissioners. M. Indyke said he has concerns about compiling a Bike Plan. C. Wenzel asked when work on Route 47 is supposed to start. B. Aymond said it could be a few more years before the project gets started. He added that the roundabout at Lake, Madison & South Street will be bid in the spring of 2022. He continued on to say that the City is in the process of acquiring the necessary property, after dealing with some easement issues.

J. Osborne suggested having a Vision Statement that includes consistent ideas for transportation. He hopes to assist in updating the Transportation Plan.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:** these items will be included in a future agenda.

### 1. Commission Meeting Time

There was a consensus of all Commission members that Transportation Commission meetings begin at 6:30 PM going forward.

### 2. Commission Member Resignation

Commissioners shared their thanks and compliments to retired Commissioner Susan Hudson for all she brought to this Commission over her many years.

### 3. Commission Schedule

For 2022, Chair Celentano suggested having a regular meeting on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 PM, with the exception of July and December.

### 4. Transportation Plan Update – Add chapter on future growth

M. Indyke stated there is a lot of duplication and redundancy in this document. Commissioners agreed that they need to delete many sections and stay focused on the goals and objectives. Chair Celentano opined the Vision Statement and Comprehensive Plan should be included. M. Indyke suggested reinstating the sidewalk shared-cost program. J. Osborne said the document needs clarification; there's too much extra language in the current version. He suggested deleting some of the projects that would not be funded over the next few years, such as highway projects. Focus on safety. One of the big visions mentioned was that everyone could bike and walk safely from the Square. M. Indyke added that they need to prioritize the goals & objectives and get rid of the history. There was a suggestion to each Commissioner to review the document, cross out what could be removed, and then discuss the sections they believe should remain. From there, the information can be appropriately updated. Perhaps the documents could go from 80 pages to approximately 10 pages and include maps and photos. M. Indyke suggested having a chapter titled Future. Commissioners briefly discussed a project to build a Metra Station on the other side of the train tracks, the addition of walking and biking paths, crosswalks especially on Route 47, lighting along sidewalks and bicycle paths, and bicycle safety.

Commissioners asked B. Aymond to obtain crash reports for the last three to five years from the Woodstock Police Department. They would like to see what areas are most dangerous. M. Indyke suggested surveying the residents to gather important information that could be included in the Plan.

Chair Celentano suggested tackling the first five chapters. J. Osborne suggested looking at the entire Plan and sharing what they should keep, instead of what they want to delete. Commissioners agreed with J. Osborne's suggestion.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Schedule workshop for bike plan
2. Schedule workshop for bike map
3. Update of Transportation Plan
4. Workshops winter 2021/spring 2022 – Transportation Plan

**ADJOURN:** To a Special Meeting October 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by M. Indyke, second by C. Wenzel to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission. Ayes: M. Indyke, J. Osborne, C. Wenzel and Chairman A. Celentano. Nays: none. Absentees: none. Abstentions: none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Howie  
Executive Assistant/Chief Deputy City Clerk